

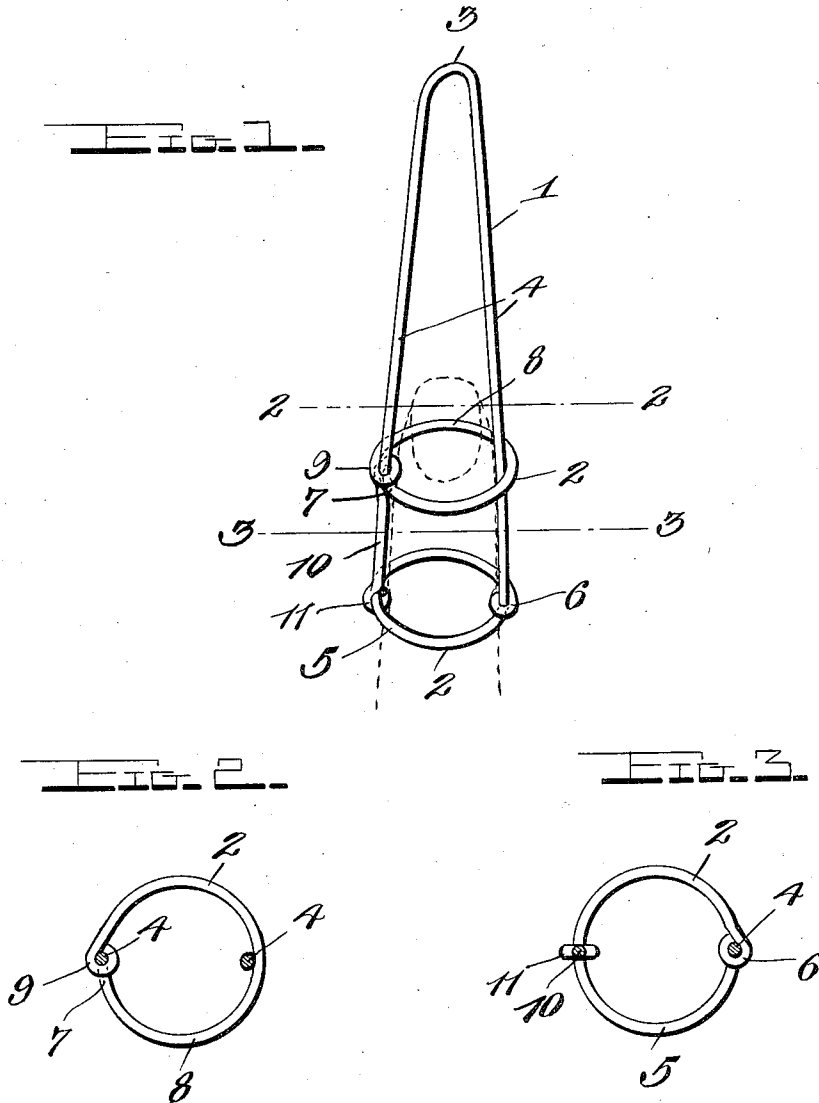
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HENRY McCURRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grubbs, in the county of Jackson and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Currettes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to new and useful improvements in currettes and has for its object to provide an improved curette which is intended to be applied to the fore finger for the purpose of removing conveniently
15 the placental residues and other morbid matter from the uterine cavity. The devices at present in use for this purpose have the disadvantage that they cannot always be directed to the place of use and that the
20 thorough removal of the residues is only a matter of chance.

Another object of the invention is to provide a curette that can be conveniently applied to the finger and which leaves the tips
25 of the finger so exposed as to properly feel for the parts to be cleaned, while the end of the device serves for removing or scraping off the placental residues.

A further object of the invention is to provide a curette of this character which will possess advantages in points of efficiency and durability, is inexpensive of manufacture and at the same time is simple
30 in construction and operation.

35 With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, pointed out in the claim and
40 shown in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a curette constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line
45 2—2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates the tapering end of the de-

vice which is adapted to be applied to the tip end of the forefinger by means of the
50 rings 2.

In carrying out my invention I employ a single length of wire of a suitable weight and length, said wire being bent intermediate of its ends as shown at 3 to form the
55 tapering point 1 and the spaced parallel side portions 4. One end of the wire is looped to form the outer ring 5, the extreme end of the wire being secured to the outer end of one of the side portions 4 as shown at 6.
60 The other end of the wire is bent at right angles as shown at 7 and then looped to form the inner ring 8, the end is then looped around the wire at the intersection of the side portion and the ring 8, as shown
65 at 9, and then continued outwardly to the ring 5 as shown at 10, the extreme end of the wire being engaged with the ring 5 as shown at 11.

It will be seen from the foregoing that
70 the curette can be easily applied to the forefinger by means of the rings 5 and 8, leaving the end of the finger exposed so as to properly feel for the parts to be cleaned, the tapering end 1 serving to remove or scrape
75 off the placental residues.

From the above description taken in connection with the drawings the use, advantages and operation will be readily understood.
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While I have shown and described the preferred form of my invention it will be obvious that various changes in the details of construction and in the proportions may be resorted to for successfully carrying my
85 invention into practice without sacrificing any of the novel features or departing from the scope thereof.

What I claim is:—

An instrument of the class described comprising a single length of wire bent intermediate of its ends to form a tapering scraping portion and spaced parallel portions, one end of said wire being looped to form an outer ring, the extreme end of said wire
90 being engaged with one of the side portions
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at the intersection of said side portion and
the outer ring, the other end of said wire
being bent at right angles to the other par-
allel portion and looped to form an inner
5 ring, the extreme end of the second end of
said wire being looped around the wire at
the intersection of the second side portion
and the inner ring, and then continued out-
wardly to the outer ring and engaged there-

with at a point opposite the end of the first 10
parallel portion.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my
signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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